THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) There is a demand for the formation of a 'Jharkhand' State to *be* carried out of the States of Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal afld Madhya Pradesh. There is also a demand for the formation of 'Uttaranchal' State comprising the eight hill district* ot the Kumaon and Garhwal Division* of Uttar Pradesh. Both the demands are still under consideration.

Joint task-force for Chakma refugees

664. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU; Wiil the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Bangladesh have! decided to set up a Joinp task force to deal with the problem of influx of Chak ma refugees and illegal immigrants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) During the recent visit of the Bangladesh Prime Minister, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh of India tn Joint Communique agree to arrange speedy repel nation of all Chakma refugees to Bangladesh in full safety and security. In this context, the Bangladesh side agreed to set up a representative political level Committee that would encourage the refugees to return. The Indian-side assured that its authorities would cooperate fully in the process of repatriation.

They also expressed their determination to stop movement of people acroBs the border by all possible ueans including strangthening of existing arrangements and mutual cooperation in thi$_s$ regard.

Political Process in I & K

665. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govem ment have decided to initiate political process in J & K before poll;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of political parts** aad national leaders with whom Government have initiated dialogue in this nsattar;

(d) whether elections would beheld in J & K after fresh delimitation of constituencies; and

(e) whether Government will ensure rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants to their respective places before the elections are held?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (e) The Government has made sincere efforts to consult different shades of opinion to evolve a national concensus on J *&* K. Regular discussions with th$_e$ leaders of the Political Parties hav$_e$ been held on the situation in J & K. Home Minister discussed it with the State leaders on 13th November, 1991 and the National Integration Council deliberated on it on 31st December, 1991; followed by $_0$n all party conference held on 10th February. 1992. Consultative Committee of the Parliament has also held discussions on J & K on 13th December, 1991 and 5th May, 1992 and asain on 29th Tune. 1992.

The Government is kee$_n$ to hold elect-tions as soon as favourable conditions for free and fair elections are created. No definite time frame can however, be set fo$_r$ elections at this stage.